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DOT-E 9193
(SECOND REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: September 30, 2002

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Schlumberger Well Services
Sugar Land, TX
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION: This exemption authorizes the transportation in commerce of a downhole logging tool (sonde) that contains an accelerator housing, one section of which is charged with sulfur hexafluoride to a pressure of 80 psig. This exemption provides no relief from any regulation other than as specifically stated herein.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.
4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR Parts 171-180, except as provided in this exemption.
5. BASIS: This exemption is based on the application of Schlumberger Well Services dated November 18, 1999, submitted in accordance with § 107.109.
6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

Hazardous materials description -- proper shipping name	Hazard Class/ Division	Identi- fication Number	Packing Group
Sulfur hexafluoride	2.2	UN1080	N/A

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7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES: Packaging prescribed is a heavy wall, stainless steel cylinder measuring approximately 13-1/2 feet in length and 3-5/8 inches in diameter that contains electronic components. The cylinder is an integral part of the downhole logging tool (sonde). The internal volume of the sonde is 1100 cubic inches (in³), of which, the volume of the components is 825 in³ and the volume of the gas (void) is 275 in³ at a pressure of zero pounds per square inch gauge (psig). The sonde is closed and sealed with a male thread protector with o-ring seal at one end and a female thread protector with o-ring seal at the other end. An accelerator housing, located in the middle of the sonde, contains a vacuum tube surrounded by a charge of sulfur hexafluoride at a pressure of 80 psig. The volume of the accelerator housing is 143 in³, of which, the volume of the vacuum tube is 83 in³ and the volume of the sulfur hexafluoride is 60 in³ at 80 psig. Any sulfur hexafluoride that escapes from the accelerator housing would be retained in the sonde. The pressure at equilibrium would be 17.5 psig. At 17.5 psig, sulfur hexafluoride is not a compressed gas. Each package must be in accordance with the details, drawings, specifications and other information submitted in the application for exemption.
8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:
 - a. A person who is not a holder of this exemption who receives a package covered by this exemption may reoffer it for transportation provided no modification or change is made to the package or its contents and it is reoffered for transportation in conformance with this exemption and the HMR.
 - b. A current copy of this exemption must be maintained at each facility where the package is offered or reoffered for transportation.
 - c. Each outside packaging must be plainly and durably marked "DOT-E 9193".
 - d. Materials offered for transportation by aircraft must be in conformance with the hazard communication requirements of Subparts C, D and E of Part 172.
 - e. Compliance with the requirements in paragraphs 8.c. and 8.d. of this exemption is not required until December 31, 2000.

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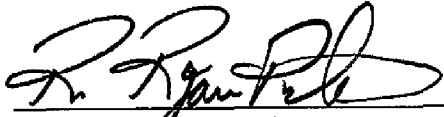
9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, rail freight, cargo vessel, passenger-carrying aircraft, cargo-only aircraft.
10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this exemption must be carried aboard each cargo vessel, aircraft or motor vehicle used to transport packages covered by this exemption. The shipper shall furnish a copy of this exemption to the air carrier before or at the time the shipment is tendered.
11. COMPLIANCE: Failure by a person to comply with any of the following may result in suspension or revocation of this exemption and penalties prescribed by the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. Section 5101 et seq:
 - o All terms and conditions prescribed in this exemption and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180.
 - o Registration required by 49 CFR 107.601 et seq., when applicable.

Each "Hazmat employee", as defined in 49 CFR 171.8, who performs a function subject to this exemption must receive training on the requirements and conditions of this exemption in addition to the training required by 49 CFR 172.700 through 172.704.

No person may use or apply this exemption, including display of its number, when the exemption has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: The carrier is required to report any incident involving loss of packaging contents or packaging failure to the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety (AAHMS) as soon as practicable. (49 CFR 171.15 and 171.16 apply to any activity undertaken under the authority of this exemption.) In addition, the holder(s) of this exemption must inform the AAHMS, in writing, of any incident involving the package and shipments made under the terms of this exemption.

Issued in Washington, D.C.:



Sal Robert A. McGuire
Associate Administrator
for Hazardous Materials Safety

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(DATE)

Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous
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